

## AMENDMENT

Please amend Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A printing blanket, comprising  
a reinforcement layer formed of at least one sheet of fabric,  
a compressive layer, and  
a surface ~~rubber layer~~ rubber layer laid on said compressive layer through a  
supporting body which is laid on said compressive layer, wherein  
said compressive layer is separated by a separation layer, which is formed by one  
or more layers of elastomer, so as to be divided into two layers of a first compressive layer  
and second compressive layer,  
so as to absorb normal printing pressure at the first compressive layer and to  
absorb rapidly applied over-printing pressure at the second compressive layer,  
~~volume of porosity~~ an air space amount of said first compressive layer is 0.10 –  
0.20 mm while ~~volume of porosity~~ a total air space amount of the ~~entire~~ first and second  
compressive layers is 0.25 mm or more, and  
a hardness thereof of said separation layer is 70JIS-A - 80JIS-D and ~~the a~~  
thickness ~~thereof of said separation layer~~ is 0.05 mm or more.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1, wherein  
said compressive layer divided into two layers is formed such that each has a  
different amount of an air space.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 wherein  
said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 2, wherein  
said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 wherein  
said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 2, wherein said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 9-16 (Canceled)